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Request that the subject of motor vehicles be included on the agenda of the Land Armament Conference to be held [REDACTED]

1. I understand that a conference of ORR, [REDACTED] and 25X1X7 G-2 analysts met this past week to discuss the time, place and agenda of this year's annual Conference on Land Armaments. At the suggestion of the D/I representation, the conferees agreed to delete the usual discussion of motor vehicles. I/TH was not represented at that meeting, and had it been, the following facts would have been presented.

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a. Motor vehicles are considered to have an important military application, and their production in the Soviet Union is a subject of great interest to [REDACTED] and G-2 and received considerable attention at last year's conference. Since last year, I/TH has closed many gaps in intelligence on this subject and can now give excellent figures on production and price by model of Soviet vehicles. The prices of military hard goods will be a salient subject in this year's conference. In no other area are prices and production of military equipment as well established as in the motor vehicle area.

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2. At last year's conference, our motor vehicle representative made the acquaintance of [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]; since then he has carried on a correspondence with them relative to new development in intelligence in the motor vehicle field. One incentive for the extra effort which has gone into research on this subject in I/TH in the past year has been the spirit of competition which has arisen from the personal contact of these analysts of different agencies working in the same field. To be given the opportunity to display our outstanding accomplishments in this field during the past year will certainly tend to add to the zeal with which our analysts perform in the future and will bring prestige to D/I and ORR.

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3. My personal acquaintance of long standing (5 years) with Miss Tobin of G-2 permits me to suggest that she only acceded to the deletion of motor vehicles from the agenda this year in courteous deference to the express wishes of our D/I representatives. If Miss

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Tobin is polled on whether she considers it useful for the conference to discuss the subject of motor vehicles, I am certain that she will reply in support of our argument.

4. If it is possible to have this subject restored to the agenda of the approaching conference, I would suggest that our analyst, [REDACTED] be authorized to attend the conference during the period when motor vehicles are being discussed.

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